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SUBJECT: GROMYKO PRESS CONFERENCE AND SPAIN

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FOLLOWING IS EXCERPT FROM GROMYKO'S MARCH 31 PRESS
CONFERENCE DEALING WITH FORWARD-BASED SYSTEMS IN WHICH
REFERENCE TO SPAIN OCCURS. OUR TRANSCRIPT IS BASED ON TAPE
RECORDING OF PRESS CONFERENCE; ADDRESSEES SHOULD NOTE
THAT WHILE SUBSTANCE OF GROMYKO'S COMMENTS IS NOT AFFECTED,
REFERENCE TO SPAIN AND OTHER SPECIFIC COUNTRIES WAS
NOT INCLUDED IN VERSION OF PRESS CONFERENCE CARRIED BY TASS AND
PRINTED IN SOVIET PRESS.

(BEGIN EXCERPT)

I WOULD LIKE TO FORMULATE THE FIRST QUESTION THUS:

THIS QUESTION IS ABOUT NOT EVADING BY MEANS OF THIRD
COUNTRIES OF AN AGREEMENT -- A POSSIBLE SECOND AGREEMENT --
WHICH WE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING. AND THE SECOND QUESTION
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IS ABOUT FORWARD BASING. IN SHORT, ABOUT AMERICAN
BASING OF STRATEGIC NUCLEAR WEAPONS -- IN EUROPE, IN
EUROPEAN WATERS AND IN OTHER AREAS FROM WHICH SOVIET
TERRITORY LIES WITHIN RANGE. IT CANNOT BE SAID THAT
WE HAVE FORGOTTEN ABOUT SUCH QUESTIONS. NO, WE DID
NOT FORGET ABOUT THEM. WITH REGARDS TO THE FIRST
QUESTION, WE HAVE PREPARED A CONCRETE PROPOSAL. IT

WAS DISCUSSED; IN ANY CASE, WE RAISED IT IN GENEVA DURING THE JOINT WORK OF THE AMERICAN AND SOVIET DELEGATIONS. BUT IN ANSWER TO OUR FORMULATION OF THIS QUESTION, OUR REPRESENTATIVES RECEIVED ONLY POLITE SMILES, NOT SUBSTANTIVE ANSWERS. THE SMILE IS NOT SUFFICIENT FOR US; WE NEED A SOLUTION TO THIS QUESTION AND WE REGARD THIS QUESTION AS NOT INSIGNIFICANT. THIS QUESTION IS NOT AN UNIMPORTANT ONE. WHERE ARE THESE AMERICAN WEAPONS TO BE FOUND? YOU KNOW VERY WELL -- IN SCOTLAND, ENGLAND, IN SPAIN, AND IN SOME OTHER AREAS. IN THE INTERESTS OF REACHING AN AGREEMENT WE DID NOT PROPOSE IN VLADIVOSTOK THAT THE PROVISION OF LIQUIDATION OF U.S. FORWARD-BASED NUCLEAR WEAPONS BE INCLUDED INTO AN AGREEMENT AS A NECESSARY CONDITION. BUT NOW WE HAVE A DIFFERENT VIEW OF THIS ISSUE IN THE LIGHT OF THE LATEST U.S. PROPOSALS. THIS IS A MATTER OF OUR SECURITY AND THE SECURITY OF OUR ALLIES. WE ARE ENTITLED TO POSE THE QUESTION OF LIQUIDATING U.S. FORWARD-BASED SYSTEMS. THIS CONCERNS ATOMIC-POWERED SUBMARINES, BOMBERS CAPABLE OF CARRYING NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND AIRCRAFT CARRIERS IN THE CORRESPONDING REGION OF EUROPE (YOU WELL KNOW WHICH REGION IS MEANT). CALL IT WHAT YOU MAY: A TOUGHENING OF POSITION, A CHANGE OF POSITION, BUT I HAVE TO SAY IT AGAIN: THIS QUESTION NOW FACES US IN CONNECTION WITH THE LATEST U.S. PROPOSALS....INCLUDING THE INTERPRETATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS WHICH ARE ALREADY BEING GIVEN IN WASHINGTON WITH GREAT -- I WOULD SAY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXCESSIVE -- HASTE TO THESE PROPOSALS.
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